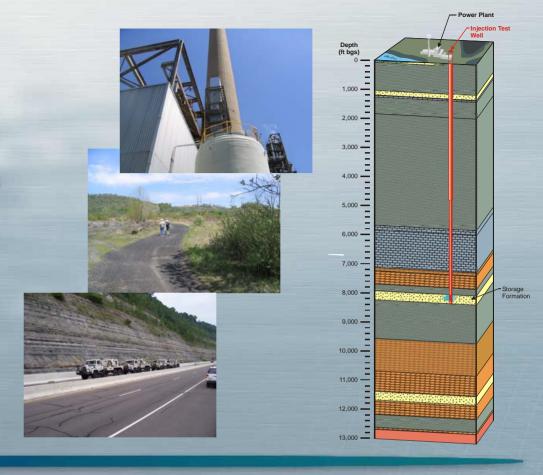
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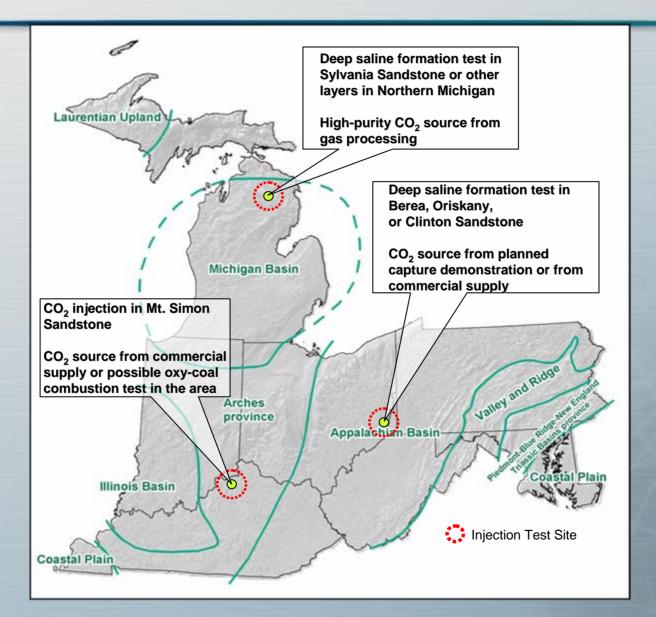
Geologic Field Tests in the Appalachian Basin



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## **MRCSP Geologic Field Tests**



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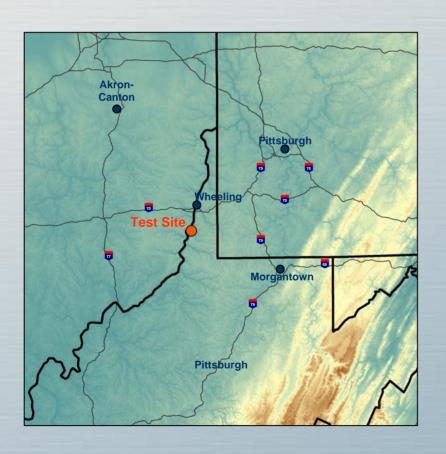
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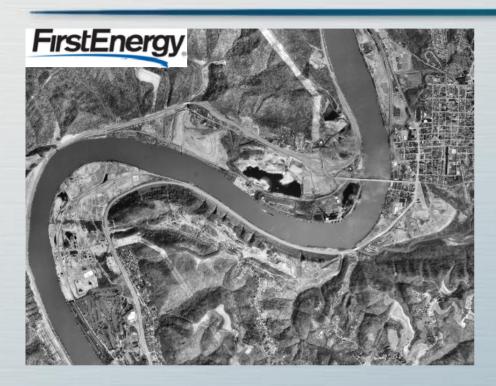
## Appalachian Basin- R.E. Burger Test Site

- •FirstEnergy Plant outside of Shadyside, Ohio
- •30 miles southwest of Wheeling, West Virginia
- •Near Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia



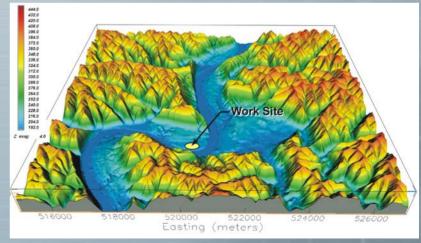


## R.E. Burger Test Site



•100 acres on the floodplain along a bend in the Ohio River

- FirstEnergy R.E. Burger facility
- •413 MW coal-burning power plant



## R.E. Burger Test Site

- The plant is an industrial setting, with various generating buildings, coal staging areas, and other facilities.
- The site is located at an active plant which is providing property access for the field work and other support that should aid in completing the project.





#### East Bend Test Site-Public Outreach

- Solidified working team for each geologic pilot consisting of staff from host company and MRCSP
- Planned outreach according to planned seismic survey and injection testing
- Developed a series of site-specific fact sheets, video clips, briefing materials for each geologic field test
- Ensured that state and local officials and nearby residents received notice about the planned pilot and seismic survey (if applicable) in person, via letter or telephone call

## R.E. Burger Test Site: Outreach





- Coordinated with FirstEnergy in identifying, scheduling and providing technical assistance in interactions with employees, officials and nearby residents prior to beginning seismic survey in July
- Developed a series of information materials tailored to the various stakeholders (neighbor letter, fact sheet, briefing materials)
- Completed a video of the seismic survey to be made available as part of an ongoing "Project Snapshot" section of the website
- Now beginning planning for drilling subsequent project phases

#### Phase II: Geologic Field Test Plans

#### Preliminary Geologic Assessment

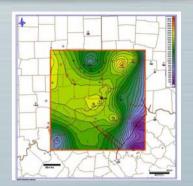
- Site specific assessment of target storage reservoirs and geologic setting.
- Performed by state Geologic Surveys.

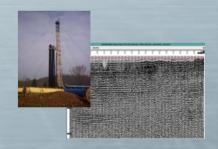
#### Site Characterization/Field Work

- Seismic surveys, test-well drilling, reservoir tests, brine sampling, other field work at the demo sites.
- Site characterization data will be used to design injection well and monitoring programs.

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Injection Tests and Monitoring

- CO<sub>2</sub> injection testing and monitoring/verification.
- Objectives vary by location due to different storage targets, CO<sub>2</sub> sources, and system design.
- Monitoring will be completed to evaluate injection system,
   CO<sub>2</sub> migration, and health & safety.







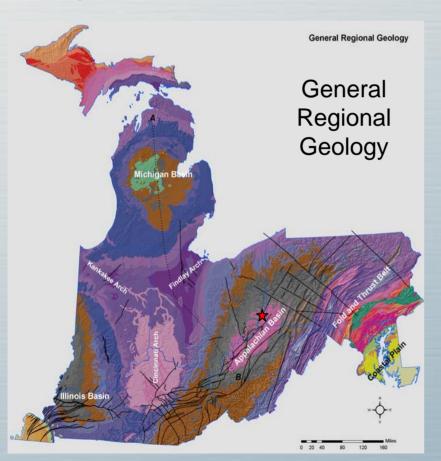
#### Geologic Setting- Appalachian Basin

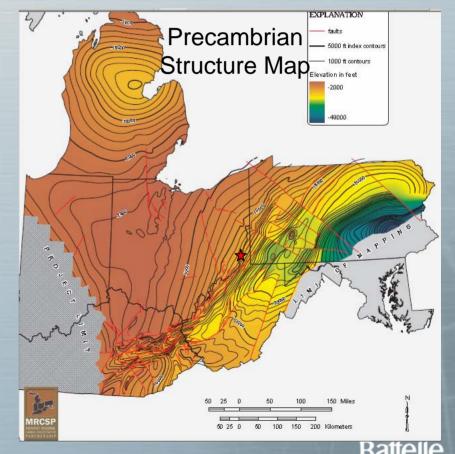
 Preliminary geological assessment completed by Ohio Geological Survey with West Virginia and Pennsylvania Geological Surveys



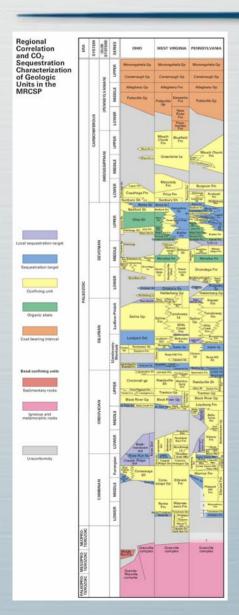




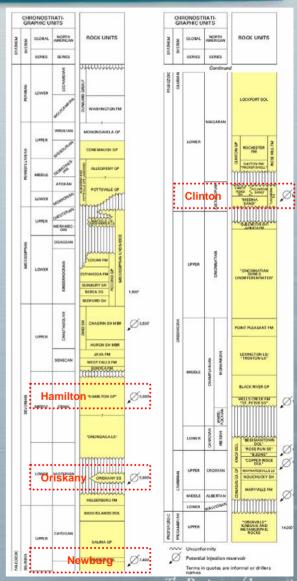




#### Appalachian Basin Stratigraphy



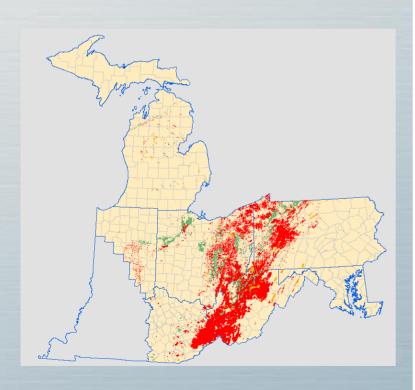
- •Regional Stratigraphic nomenclature in the study region
- •Preliminary targets include Hamilton Group, Newburg, and Oriskany and "Clinton" sandstones

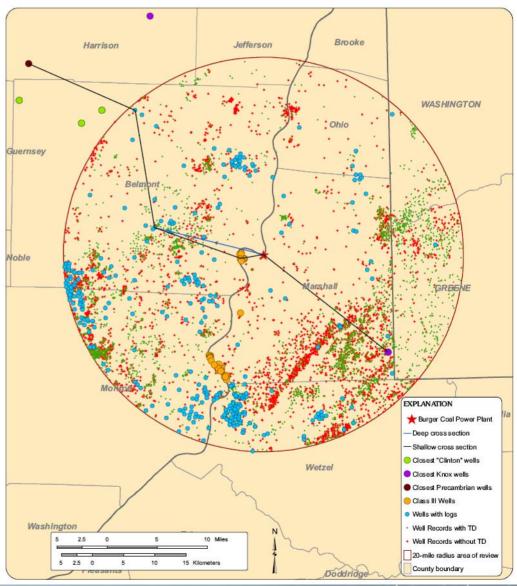


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#### Geologic Setting- Oil and Gas Fields

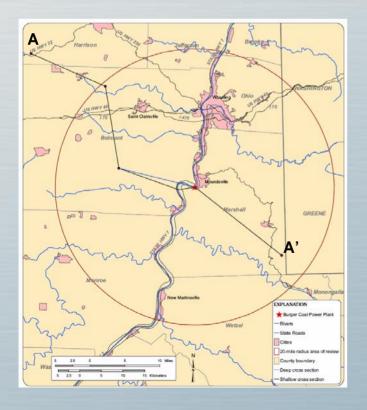
- Minor oil and gas exploration near the study site.
- Most nearby wells are older wells less than 1,000 ft deep

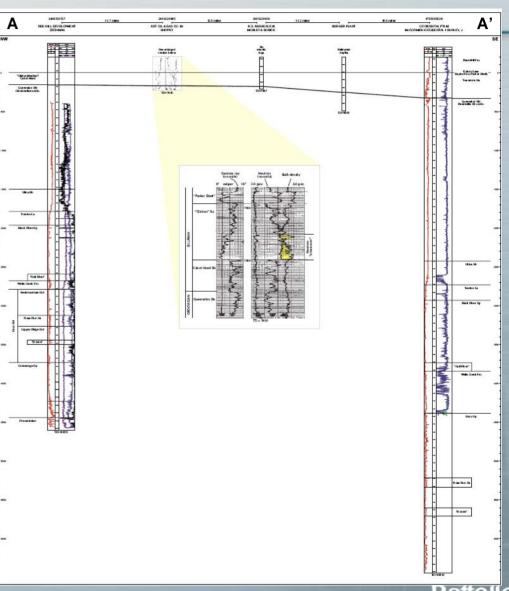




Geologic Cross-Section Through Study Area

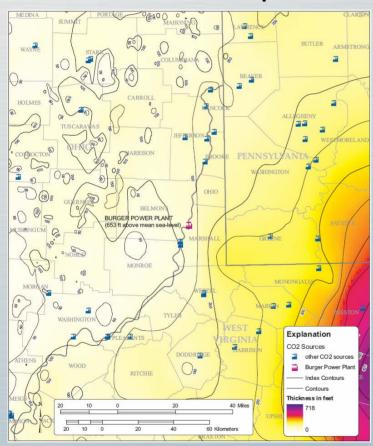
- •Poor well control.
- Nearest deep wells are more than 5 miles from site.





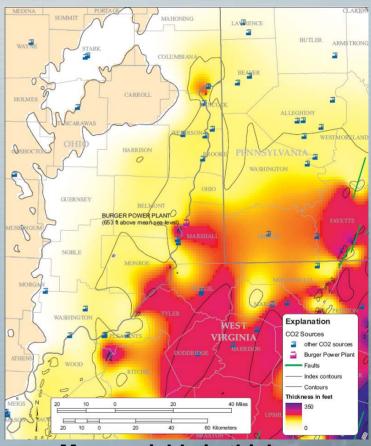
#### Maps of Target Formations

## Tuscarora/Clinton Sandstone Thickness Map



Estimated at ~125 ft thick at Site Hydraulic properties uncertain

#### Oriskany Sandstone Thickness Map

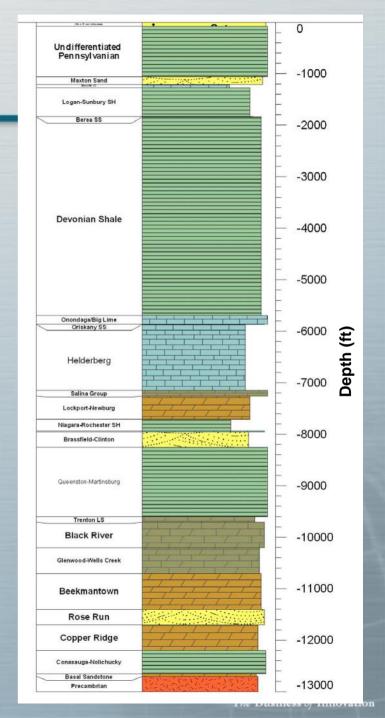


More variable in thickness near site

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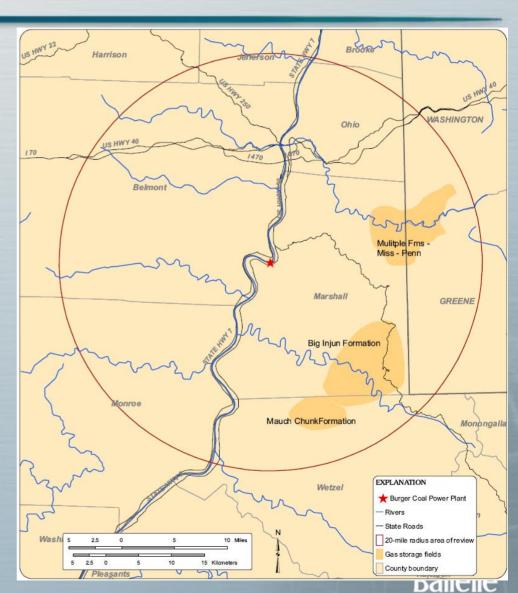
#### Preliminary Geology Prognosis

- •Sedimentary rocks ~13,000 ft deep and overlie Precambrian bedrock.
- •Primary targets include Hamilton Group, Oriskany Sandstone, and Tuscarora/"Clinton" sandstone
- Very few wells this deep in the region; therefore, this site is exploratory in nature



#### Preliminary Geology

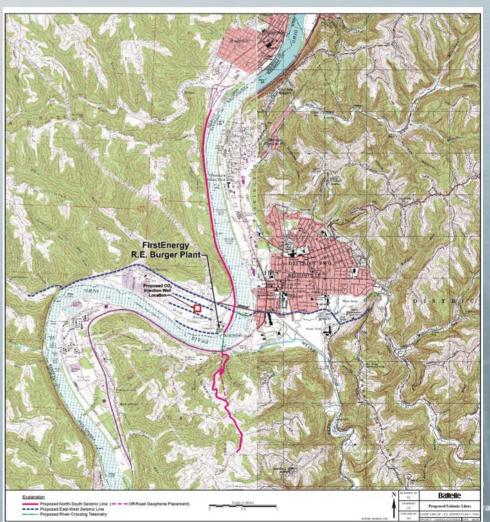
- History of gas storage in this region.
- Most gas storage in shallower fields (Mississippian-Pennsylvanian)



#### Seismic Survey

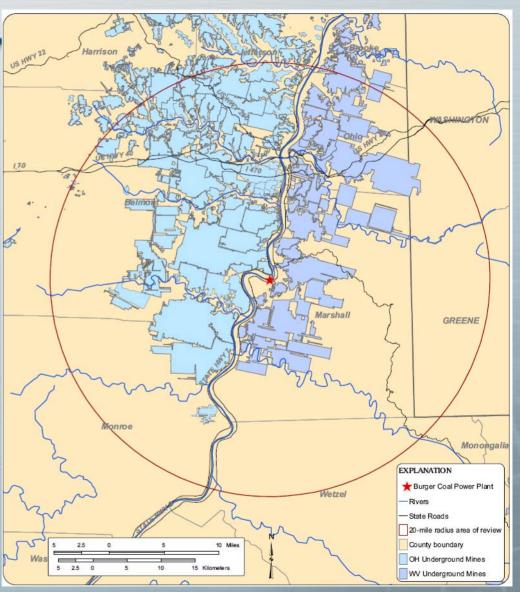
- •10-mile seismic survey completed in August 2006
- •Additional 1-mile of "quasi-3D" to investigate reservoirs and 3D options





#### Seismic Survey

•Numerous underground coal mines in the area presented challenges in routing seismic survey.



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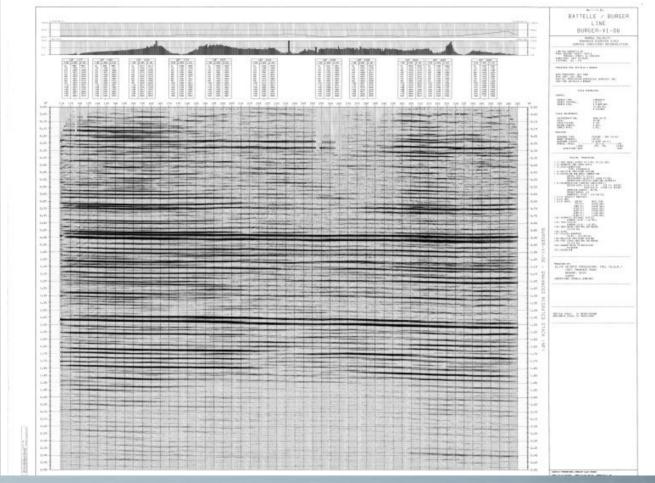
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#### Regulatory Track

- Ohio has UIC Primacy and Ohio EPA regulates Class I and Class V wells. Ohio Department of Natural Resources regulates oil/gas wells and Class II wells
- Several meetings have been held with both regulatory agencies to discuss the project and permitting strategy
- FirstEnergy has been part of all discussions and Battelle and FirstEnergy are jointly preparing the permit documents
- Initially, a Stratigraphic test permit from ODNR will be used for drilling and later converted to injection permit. Initial permit has been completed and undergoing final review
- Issues:
  - Well construction requirements
  - CO<sub>2</sub> stream characterization (not required if commercial CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Need for additional public meetings?

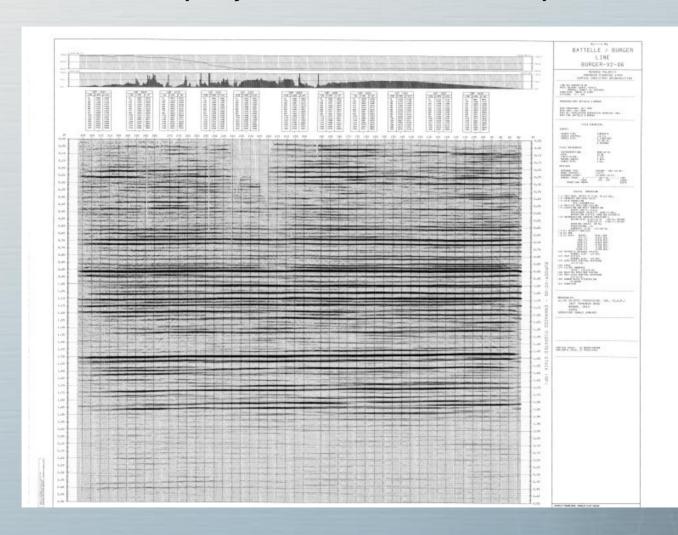
#### Seismic Survey- Preliminary Data

- •Nearly flat, continuous layers, no indication of structure
- Strong reflectors at Big Lime and Trenton



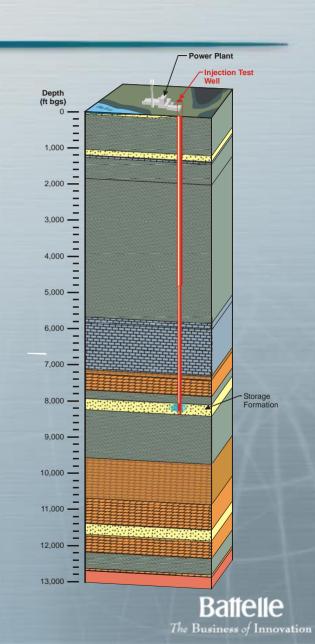
#### Seismic Survey

#### Some data quality loss across Ohio River floodplain



#### Preliminary Conceptual Injection System

- •Middle-Devonian to Middle Silurian deep saline formations primary target (Hamilton Group, Newburg, Oriskany and "Clinton" sandstones)
- Very extensive shale and carbonate containment layers
- Well construction specifications under development



#### CO<sub>2</sub> Source

- If feasible, CO<sub>2</sub> may be obtained from PowerSpan pilot-scale emission control system at the site.
- This would provide an opportunity to test an integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture, handling, and injection system in this tri-state area of the Appalachian Basin.





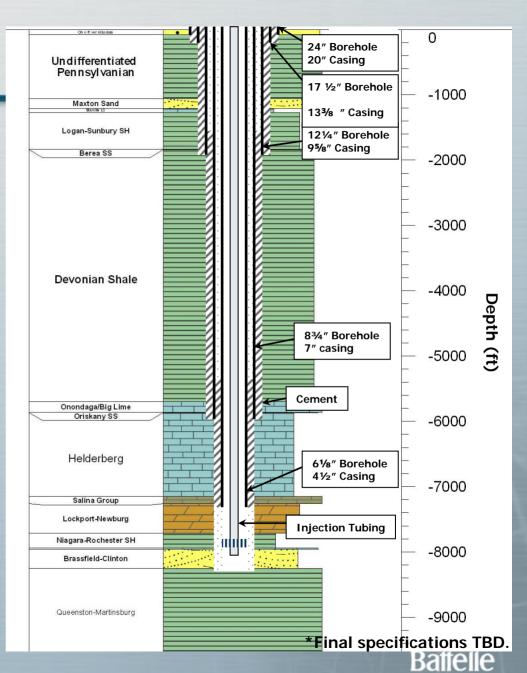
#### MMV - To be Finalized

- Monitoring options were reviewed and a subset of options was selected based on the proposed injection system specifications and geologic setting.
- Complete monitoring plan and schedule will be determined after site characterization efforts are finished.
- Depth of target reservoir presents challenges for effective MMV methods.

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Time (Months)	-6	-4	-2	1	2	3	2	4	6
Phase	Pre-demo			Active Injection			Post-Injection		
Injection System (PVT)		人		Х	Х	Х			
Health and Safety (O <sub>2</sub> )	1			Х	Х	Х			
Wireline (CMR, Nuetron/RST, PEX)	<b>₹</b>		Х		Х		Х		
Reservoir Sampling???	7		Х				Х		·
Tracer/Geochemical			Х				Х		

## Injection System Design

- The overall plan for the R.E. Burger site is to perform a fairly thorough site characterization and integrate injection testing with the Powerspan process, if possible; otherwise CO<sub>2</sub> will be obtained from regional source(s).



# Timeline and Next Steps for the Appalachian Basin R.E. Burger Test Site

- Seismic Survey (completed)
- Site characterization (in progress)
- Permitting (in progress)
- Test Well Drilling (driller scheduled for Nov-Dec time slot)
- System Design and installation
- Injection testing and monitoring
- Post injection and closure